

January 14, 2011

Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee  
Senator Terry Murphy  
Proponent Testimony **SB2**

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY  
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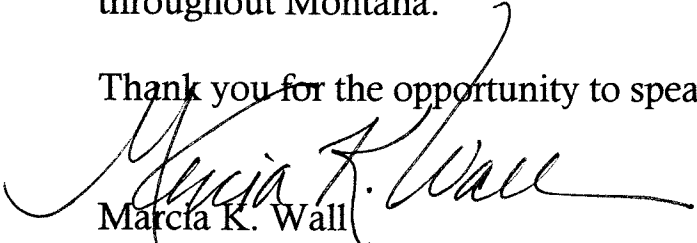
Senator Murphy and respected committee members,

My name is Marcia K. Wall, President and Founder of The Angel Fund in Helena, Montana. I am writing in support of SB 2. The Angel Fund helps children from families needing assistance in the Helena School District with school clothes, shoes, winter outerwear, classroom fees and school supplies. We have already assisted 720 children; spending over \$100,000 since September 2010. We started our 21<sup>st</sup> year this fall. The Angel Fund does not provide medical or dental needs due to liability constraints.

The Angel Fund serves children who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Some of the same children receive little or no dental care from a dental office because of parental neglect, finances or circumstances out of their control. This bill would be a wonderful opportunity for children to receive preventive dental sealants from dental hygienists in a school setting. It is of no cost to the schools or parents; simply an excellent preventive care program that hygienists can provide.

The Angel Fund is a 5013c nonprofit organization which includes a 6-member Board of Directors and 24 Angel Coordinators who volunteer their time in all 17 Helena Schools processing and referring children to receive assistance. All correspondence concerning SB 2 from Angel Coordinators and Board members were in support of this bill. I hope you will pass this valuable and caring bill so children can benefit from this preventative service in Helena and throughout Montana.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak!



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